4. Dr. M.C. Saxena,
Director,
Environmental Research Laboratory
Lucknow

5. Dr. S. Gangadharan,
Head, Analytical Chemistry Division, Bhaba Atomic Research Centre,
Bombay

6. Asstt. Director General (PFA)
Convener

7. Any other expert to be nominated by the DGHS or Chairman, if necessary.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Costly AIDS Equipment lying idle in the Doon Hospital

1107. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that costly AIDS equipment, worth lakhs of rupees supplied to the Doon Hospital under US AID Programme, are remaining idle for more than a year for want of "elisa kit"; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to ensure the supply of this vital equipment to rescue the AIDS Screening Centre from this inadequacy ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) It is a fact that the Doon Hospital had collected the HIV testing kits nearly seven months after collecting the US AID equipments. The kits were available all the time and the delay was entirely due to non-lifting by the concerned institution. This position has been made clear to the hospital authorities and the State Government.

Imported Copper-Ts

1108. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of money spent annually (in foreign exchange) in importing Copper-Ts by Government;

(b) what is the cost of Copper-Ts (in foreign exchange) the consignment of which were found sub-standard in 1991-92;

(c) whether the consignments of Copper-Ts found sub-standard were sent back to that country; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative the manner in which the sub-standard consignment of Copper-Ts were utilised and the estimated loss incurred as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Since 1992-93, only indigenously assembled Copper-Ts are used in the National Family Welfare Programme.

(b) to (d) Components for assembly of 5.25 million pcs. of Copper-Ts at various stages of assembly costing US $3.1 million were received as commodity assistance as apart of technology transfer agreement by M/s Hindustan Latex Ltd., (a public sector undertaking) through UNFPA from M/s Finishing Enterprises Inc., USA

between Dec., 1990 and March, 1991. Some of these components on test in India were found not conforming to the US-FDA approved Population Council standards as per terms of the agreement and therefore, could not be used.

UNFPA were requested to take back these components but have regretted their inability to do so. A technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Drugs Controller (India) has been entrusted with the task of drawing samples for testing so that components which conform to the prescribed standards can be used.

Extension of Tikku Committee Recommendations to M.C.D. Doctors

1109. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted certain recommendations of the Tikku Committee Report and have implemented in respect of C.G.H.S. doctors;

(b) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to make applicable the same benefits for the Doctors of Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Committee; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The decisions of the Government on the recommendations made by the High Power Committee (Tikku Committee) have been announced *vide* O.M. No. A. 45013/13/90-CHS-V, dated the 14th November, 1991. Some of these decisions have been implemented in respect of doctors of Central Health Services.

(b) and (c) Organisations like New Delhi Municipal Committee and Municipal Corporation of Delhi are covered by Clause-15 of the office Memorandum dated the 14th November, 1991 which has been sent to these organisations for taking necessary action.

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1110. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Supreme Court has issued any direction to Government for meaningful dialogue and expeditious decision on the Tikku Committee Report concerning Service Doctors;

(b) if so, when the directive was issued;

(c) whether Government has assured MPs from all political parties during the Doctor's strike period to regularise the strike period; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon and by when the period will be regularised ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 29-11-1991.

(c) No, Sir.